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SUMMARY. GOJ CABINET APRIL 30 SELECTED FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UN SHIZUO SAITO TO BE THE SPECIAL LOCKHEED ENVOY TO THE U.S. THE DIET ALSO PLANS TO SEND A 10-MEMBER MISSION. BOTH SAITO AND THE DIET MISSION TENTATIVELY PLAN TO LEAVE AROUND MAY 10--THE DIET MISSION FOR TEN DAYS. SAITO INTENDS A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE BY 9 A.M., MAY 4 (8 PM, MAY 3 WASHINGTON TIME). END SUMMARY.

1. GOJ CABINET APRIL 30 DECIDED ON APPOINTMENT OF FORMER JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, SHIZUO SAITO AS SPECIAL ENVOY ON LOCKHEED AFFAIR. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, SAITO WILL BE CHARGED WITH EXPLAINING JAPANESE SITUATION TO US AND DEEPENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON LOCKHEED AFFAIR; SEEKING USG COOPERATION IN PURSUING LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION; AND EXCHANGING IDEAS ON HOW TO HANDLE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

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PRESS IS SPECULATING THAT SAITO WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY

KISSINGER AND RICHARDSON, SEC CHAIRMAN HILLS, SENATOR CHURCH, ETC. FONMIN MIYAZAWA HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HOPED THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE SAITO. SAITO IS EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR US AROUND MAY 10.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS APRIL 30 DIET POLICY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMEN DECIDED ON DISPATCH OF SUPRA PARTY THIRTEEN MEMBER BIET INVESTIGATING TEAM TO US FOR TEN DAYS AROUND MAY 10. TEAM IS TO BE HEADED BY A LEADER OF DIET VICE SPEAKER LEVEL. QUESTION OF MISSION OF TEAM IS STILL UP IN THE AIR, WITH LDP CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION OF MNC'S AND LOCKHEED PROBLEM AND OPPOSITION PARTIES CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIET RESOLUTION ON LOCKHEED (TOKYO 2732) AND US COOPERATION IN FURNISHING UNPUBLISHED LOCKHEED INFORMATION TO THE DIET. FINAL DECISION NOT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER MAY 6, WHEN DIET RETURNS FROM "GOLDEN WEEK" HOLIDAYS.

3. WE HAVE HEARD FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS THAT MIKI PREFERRED APPOINTMENT OF FONMIN MIYAZAWA OR FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US USHIDA, ETC. MIYAZAWA APPARENTLY BEGGED OFF BECAUSE OF THE DIET--HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO. USHIDA AND OTHER CANDIDATES WERE ALSO RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE UNPROMISING ASSIGNMENT. SAITO HAD NO CHOICE, HOWEVER, AS HE IS STILL A GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL.

4. EARLIER THIS WEEK, FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT "MISSION OF SPECIAL ENVOY" WOULD BE TO ASSURE THAT LOCKHEED AFFAIR WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT U-JAPAN RELATIONS; AND TO DISCUSS WITH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WAYS IN WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS MIGHT DEAL WITH ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN FUTURE. MIYAZAWA SAID IT POSSIBLE THOUGH AS YET UNDECIDED THAT ENVOY MIGHT DISCUSS WAYS OF INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON SUCH MATTERS AS TAKING DEPOSITIONS, ETC.

5. SAITO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE HOPES TO CALL DURING WEEK OF MAY 3. IF THERE ARE EXPECTATIONS WE SHOULD DEFLATE, ISSUES WE SHOULD AVOID WHILE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON, OR AREAS HE SHOULD EXPLORE TO MAKE HIS US VISIT MORE MEANINGFUL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT VIEWS BY 9 AM, MAY 4, TOKYO TIME (7 PM, MAY 3 WASHINGTON TIME.).
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